

CAPSULE SUMMARY**BA-1106****Reister Russell House****19 Hanover Road****Reisterstown, Baltimore County****ca. 1865****Private**

The Reister Russell House was constructed circa 1865, just before the height of Reisterstown's late-nineteenth-century development and growth. The Gothic Revival style house is well representative of dwellings constructed in Reisterstown in the mid to late nineteenth century. It is one of the few remaining buildings of this type in town. Russell came to Baltimore County in 1857, and soon established the extensive dry goods business of Russell Brothers. Together, the family operated a store on the east side of the Reisterstown Turnpike south of the Reister Russell House.

The Reister Russell House is a two-and-a-half story, five-bay-wide dwelling of eight-course American bond brick construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The side gable roof, which is clad in standing seam metal, is interrupted by a central cross gable peak and pierced by two central interior stretcher bond brick chimneys. A central sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with a four-light transom and three-light sidelights over paneled dado pierce the façade, or east elevation. The entry is flanked by four 2/4 windows, while five 2/2 windows pierce the second story. The intersecting gable peak features one round-arched rowlock lintel. All first and second story openings have molded wood surrounds, square-edged wood sills, and brick jack arch lintels. A five-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by chamfered wood posts shelters the first story. Each porch bay is ornamented with scroll-sawn corner brackets and turned pendants. Ornamental braces with pendant and finial distinguish the gable peaks of the façade, and side elevations. To the west of the dwelling is a circa 1940 garage. The one-and-a-half-story, one-bay-square wood frame building is clad in wood shingles and features a front gable roof clad in wood shingles.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1106

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Reister Russell House

other

2. Location

street and number 19 Hanover Road not for publication

city, town Reisterstown vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John D. Heim and Laura Starr

street and number 19 Hanover Road telephone Not Available

city, town Reisterstown state MD zip code 21136

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 12965 folio 147

city, town Towson tax map 48 tax parcel 740 tax ID number 04180072075

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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To the west of the dwelling is a circa 1940 garage. The one-and-a-half-story, one-bay-square wood frame building is clad in wood shingles and features a front gable roof clad in wood shingles. The façade is pierced by one beaded vertical board sliding double-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround. A 1/1 window pierces the gable peak.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1865 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1865 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The 18th century community of Reisterstown is named for John Reister, who settled "Reister's Desire" in 1758. Shortly thereafter he laid out Reister's Town Road, along which he established a tavern for travelers passing through on their way to Baltimore. Reisterstown was strategically located at the intersection of roads leading to Baltimore, Westminster, and Hanover, thus lending importance to the community as a turnpike town. In the 1810s, the condition of Reisterstown Road significantly improved when the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Company completed construction along the route.¹

By 1850, Reisterstown's importance along the turnpike was evident by the considerable development of the community. Numerous buildings, including dwellings, taverns, and other commercial structures, were located along the Reisterstown Turnpike. Immediately north of the intersection of the Reisterstown Turnpike and the Westminster Turnpike was the tavern operated by Jeremiah Ducker.² At that time, the town's population had reached 500, and Reisterstown appeared slated for further growth.³ Circa 1865, the Reister Russell House was constructed in the vicinity of this tavern. By 1881, the population had reached 600, and establishments in the town included one public school, three private schools, three seminaries, Catholic, Lutheran, and Methodist

¹ Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), pp. 49-50.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ Brooks and Rockel, p. 308.

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Episcopal churches, and several fraternal and benevolent orders.⁴ By 1896, the population had reached 1,000.⁵ The 1915 county atlas indicates that further growth in the community slowed. The map does not indicate the owner or occupant of the Reister Russell House, for few of the buildings in Reisterstown are labeled. By that time, the neighboring community of Delight began to expand on the south side of Reisterstown.⁶ Through the 20th century, the town has become a suburb of Baltimore City.

⁴ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 855.

⁵ Brooks and Rockel, 308.

⁶ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>.50 Acre</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>Unknown</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Reisterstown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1865, the Reister Russell House has been associated with the .5 acres known as tax parcel 740 of map 48 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

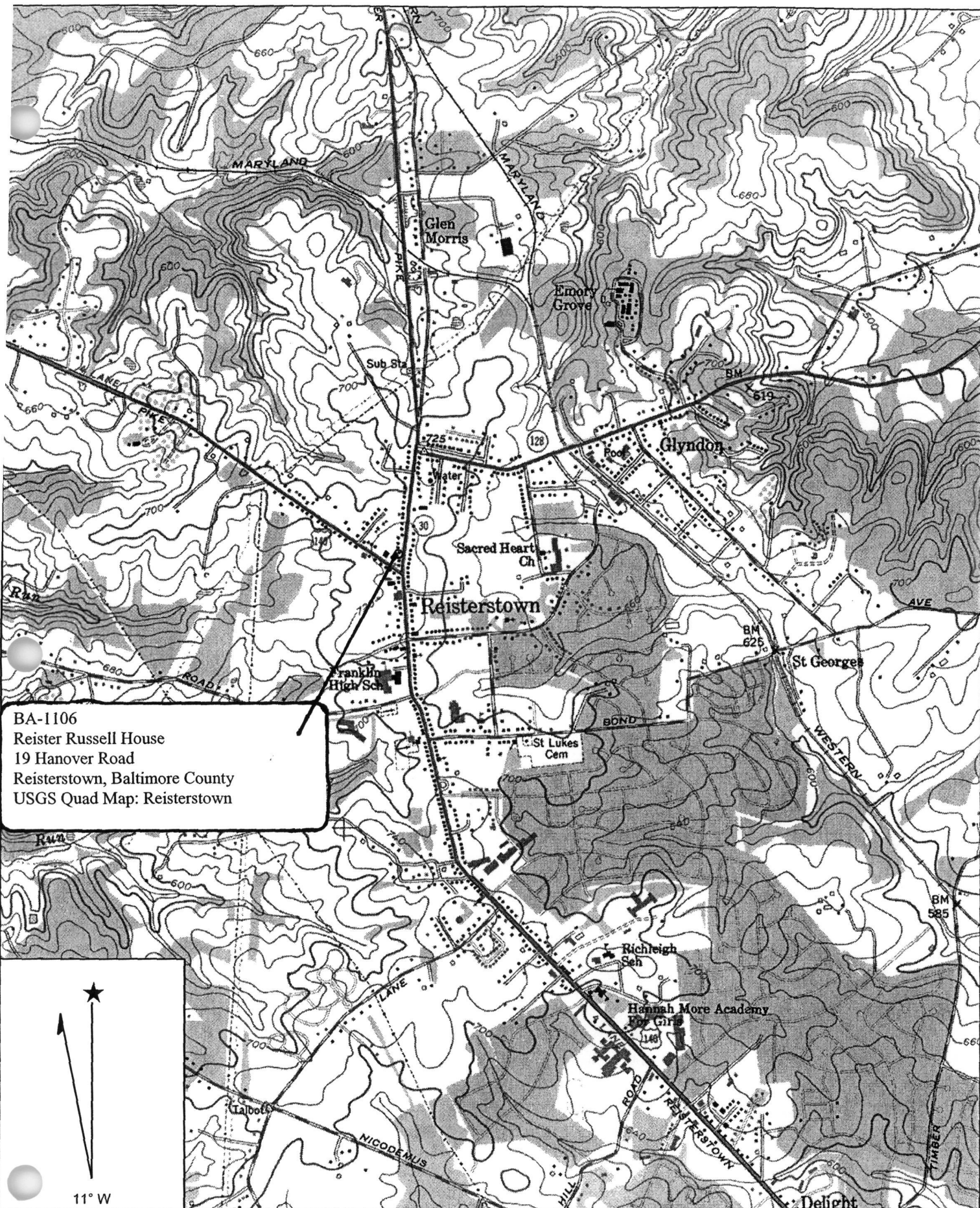
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 8, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Reister Russell House
19 Hanover Road
Reisterstown, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Reisterstown

Name: REISTERSTOWN
Date: 6/2/2003
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 18 343020 E 4370108 N



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19 HANOVER ROAD
REISTERSTOWN
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
TRAILER 1FS

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19 HANOVER ROAD

REISTERSTOWN

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

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MD SHPO

SE CORNER

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RUSSELL HOUSE
19 Hanover Road
Reisterstown, Md.

Private

19 Hanover Road is a large house of basic, traditional form with touches of picturesque mid-to-late nineteenth century ornamentation. Externally, it appears to be in nearly-unaltered condition.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

RUSSELL HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

19 Hanover Road

-6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore Co.

STATE

Maryland

21136

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Raymond Russell

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

% Zelma B. Ensor, Realtor

CITY, TOWN

357 Main St. Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21136

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore Co. Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Towson

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☒ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

19 HANOVER ROAD

19 Hanover Road is a brick house two storeys in height, five bays in length, facing the street to the east. It probably dates from ca. 1865-1880. A large gable in the roof is centered on the east front. Small shed-roofed wings extend behind the northerly and the second-from-the-southerly bays, the former of brick, the latter of frame; their roofs are continuations of the main roof at a lower pitch. A one-storey porch with a low hipped roof extends across the east front, scrolled brackets with turned drop finials projecting forward from each column to support the wide cornice, arched braces springing from the columns to a drop finial in the middle of each bay. High in the front gable and in the end gables of the roof under the wide overhangs, is a simulated king post truss, its bottom chord "supported" by arched braces springing from the rake cornice soffit, the king post terminated below with a drop finial and extending above the roof with a turned spire. The panels of these "trusses" are filled with elaborately jig-sawn frets. Drop finials extend from each eave at its lowest point flanking the gables.

The principal entrance with its sidelights and transom is centered in the east front. First storey windows are long $2/4$. extending to the floor; second storey windows are $2/2$ and all have louvred blinds with operable louvres. Single-flue brick chimneys rise through the ridge approximately midway between the center point of the roof and the north and south end gables.

The interior of this house was not accessible for inspection.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Local History

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

19 HANOVER ROAD

This is a large house of basic, traditional form with touches of picturesque mid-to-late nineteenth century ornamentation. Externally, it appears to be in nearly unaltered condition.

The builder, Reister Russell, was inseperable from Reisterstown's business interests. He was one of the town's upstanding citizens. Born in 1844 in Pennsylvania, he moved with his family to Reisterstown when he was 10. He attended Franklin Academy. At the age of 16, he became a clerk for four years in a local store. (possibly the Ducker concern) He also tried farming for two years. Apparently he found storekeeping more to his liking, for in 1867, he and his brother, William, (three years younger) opened their own store, a large general store stocked with a full line of groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, etc. The store was called Russell Brothers and it was located up town on the site of a now vacant lot. It was not long before this store began receiving a "liberal share of the public patronage", probably because of Reister Russell reputation for fair dealing and good goods" (Leading Families op cit p.432.)

Reister Russell was active in his community as well. Beginning in 1865, he was a leader in the Lutheran Church and was superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 years. He was on the Church Council from 1866-1922 (except one year). He was also a member of the Henry Clay Lodge and later became Treasurer and collector of the Order of the Golden Chain in Reisterstown. (Leading Families op cit., p.432-3. Old pictures of the Russell Brothers Store show that the Ionic Lodge was housed there for a while.

In 1857, he leased some land along the Hanover Turnpike from John W. Hitshue for \$30.00 a year (JB 92/392) This was to be the site of his residence for the rest of his life. He eventually built the fine house which stands there to-day. In 1878 he was able to purchase the property from the Hitshues for \$500.00 (JB 110/103)

In 1871 at the age of 29, he had married Julia C. Ducker and soon the large house was filled with activities of a large family. They had eight Children, although at least two died in infancy.

In 1896 Russell was elected a member of the County School Board For Baltimore County, a distinguished honor for this Reisterstown resident. "A man of known reliability and excellent business judgement, Mr. Russell had been called upon to settle a number of estates, including those of Ducker, Kephart and Forney families.. (Leading Families op cit., p. 432.

Russell died in 1922. In his will he devised the house to a son, Raymond and his wife. Raymond died and his widow lived in the house until the late 1970's. (BC Wills 22/271)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Land Records, Baltimore County Court House, Towson, D.
2. Wills, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md.
3. Leading Families of the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County, Md. (N.Y. Chapman Publishing Co. 1897)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ?**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY James T. Wollon A.I.A.

NAME / TITLE

Cornelia M. Ives

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main St.

TELEPHONE

833-3078 (M's Ives)

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md. 21136

STATE

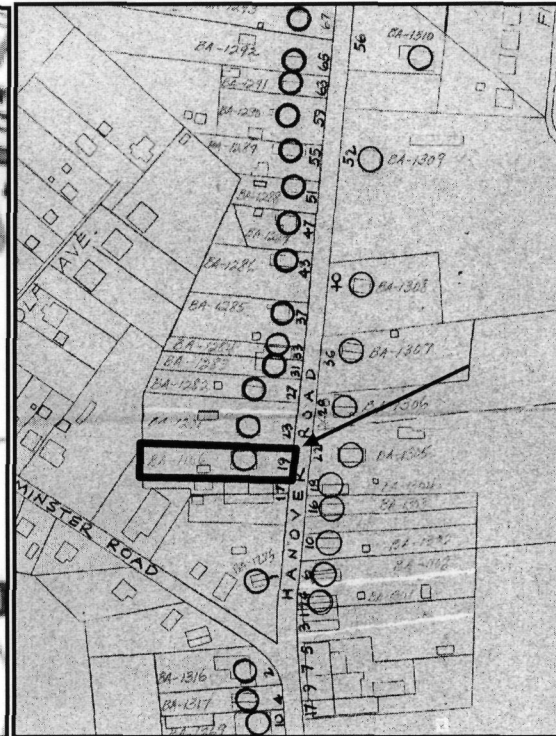
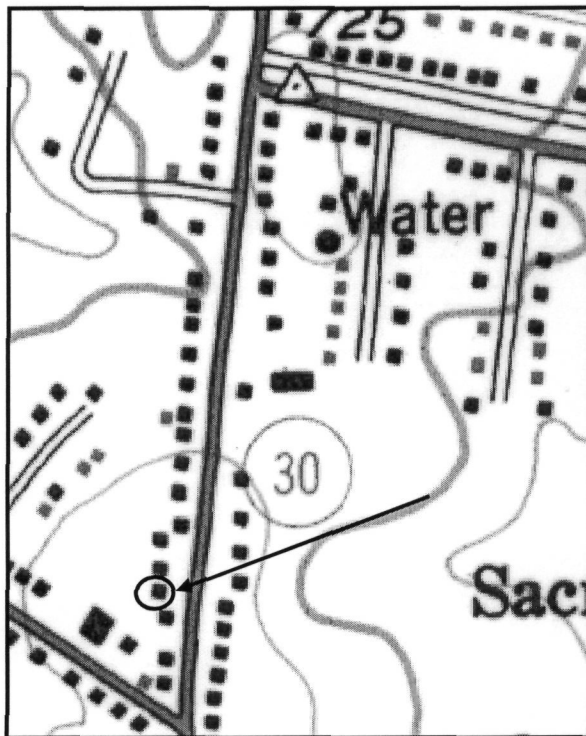
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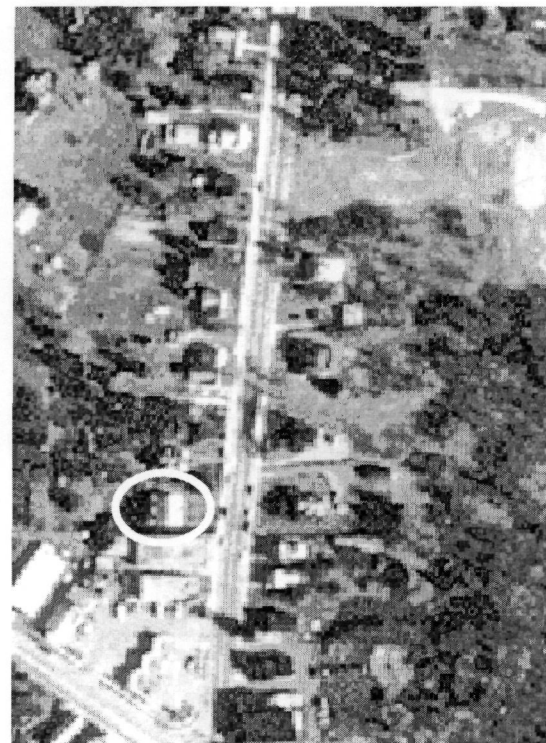
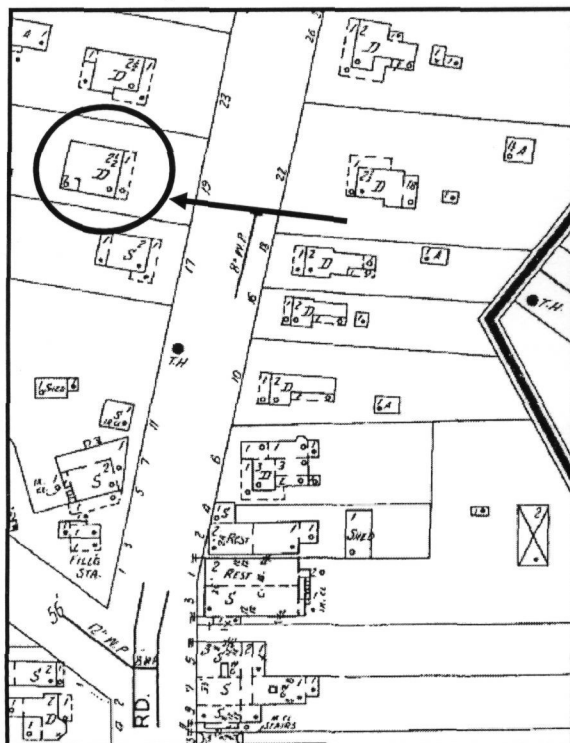
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 Reister Russell House
 19 Hanover Road (MD 30), Reisterstown
 Reisterstown quadrangle

Detail map, 1977



Sanborn Map, 1950

Aerial Photo



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Reister Russell House
19 Hanover Road (MD 30), Reisterstown
Jennifer K. Cosham, 19 April 2006



East façade



Southeast elevation



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Russell House
19 Hanover Rd. Reisterstown

Carol Pollack
4-77

West.